

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 27, 2006**  
**SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

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The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol Building, Sacramento, CA.

Members Present: Quentin Kopp, Chair  
Marc Adelman, Vice Chair  
Fran Florez, Vice Chair  
Lynn Schenk  
Rod Diridon, Sr.  
T.J. Stapleton

**Opening Comments**

Chair Kopp thanked the audience for coming to today's meeting.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes for the following Authority Meetings:**

Chair Kopp presented the minutes from the August 9<sup>th</sup> and August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2006 meetings for approval. Chair Kopp requested that on the August 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes the wording "Executive Director moved" be changed to "Executive Director suggested" on pages 2 and 3. Member Diridon moved to approve the modified minutes, Member Stapleton seconded, which carried 6-0.

**Authority Members' Meetings for Compensation**

Chair Kopp presented the list of meetings for compensation for approval. Member Diridon requested he be allowed to submit additional meetings for September on the next stipend. Chair Kopp moved to reserve these additional meetings till the next stipend. Member Schenk moved to approve the stipend, Member Stapleton seconded, which carried 6-0.

**Members Reports**

Chair Kopp reported that he was informed that some time ago the board approved a resolution for the formation and maintenance of a citizens' advisory committee and he intends to revive the committee. Chair Kopp wanted the board members to know that he intends to review the memberships on that committee, ascertain the current inclination of those appointed to continue to serve and to supplement with appointments in accordance with the previously adopted resolution. Chair Kopp invited suggested members from other members of the Board.

Member Diridon reported that APTA is having their annual conference in San Jose and it will host the first formal meeting of the new American Public Transportation Association High-Speed and Intercity Rail Committee. It has taken about two years to merge the old High Speed Ground Transportation Association with APTA and create this new committee. Member Diridon reported that he will forward information regarding the

conference to the Board. Chair Kopp hopes that as many board members as possible will be able to attend the Committee Meeting.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Morshed reported that the Board approved Architectural and Engineering Regulations were submitted August 30<sup>th</sup> to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and the 30 days for review will run until about October 13<sup>th</sup>. Staff does not expect any delays, but will let the Board Members know if anything develops. Executive Director Morshed reported that staff did request an expedited review and requested the regulations become effective upon OAL approval.

Executive Director Morshed reported that staff has been very busy over the last month reviewing proposals and preparing Requests for Qualifications (RFQs). Staff released three RFQs for the preliminary engineering/project-specific environmental work in the following corridors: Fresno-Palmdale; Palmdale-LA and LA-Orange County, responses are due November 9<sup>th</sup>, and interviews are expected to be conducted the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>. The results of the selection process will be presented to the board for approval in December. Additionally, the staff will be issuing two more RFQs for the engineering/project-specific environmental work in early November for the Sacramento-Fresno and Los Angeles-San Diego (via Inland Empire). The final corridor (Bay Area-Central Valley) RFQ will not be issued until after the Program Level EIR/EIS is completed.

Executive Director Morshed reported that he received and responded to a letter from Secretary McPeak regarding the specific timetable for the Authority's work relating to the Program Level EIR/EIS and Bay Area Connection.

Executive Director Morshed reported that the budget request was delivered to Department of Finance for the next fiscal year. The hiring of additional Authority staff and the expansion of the Authority office is moving forward.

### **Approval of Draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)**

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt reported that this MOU reflects the first local agency to help finance the high-speed rail effort. In the certified statewide program document, the Lossan Rail corridor is the preferred high-speed rail alignment between Los Angeles and Orange County. The OCTA is interested in improvement of the Lossan corridor that will not only preserve right-of-way for the high-speed rail system, but will lay the foundation for future high-speed rail service. Found in the draft MOU, OCTA will fund the Orange County portion of the project level document for that corridor. OCTA will also actively participate in the environmental process and support the Authority in seeking additional state funding to complete this project level EIR/EIS document. Authority staff recommended to the Authority the delegation of authority to the Executive Director to enter into a MOU agreement with OCTA regarding the preparation of a project level EIR/EIS between Los Angeles and Orange County and works toward a potential preparation of a feasibility study for the service between Anaheim and Ontario

Airport. Member Stapleton moved to approve the draft MOU, Member Diridon seconded, which carried 6-0.

#### **Approval of the Selection of the Financial Plan Consultant**

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi presented an overview of the proposals received for the Financing Plan contract and the result of the selection process for Authority review and approval. The selection of a Financial Plan Consultant is needed to create a new financial plan based on the new ridership forecasts. On September 12<sup>th</sup>, the panel conducted oral interviews with three firms: Ernst & Young, Public Financial Management, and Infrastructure Management Group (IMG). Based on the evaluation of the technical proposals and the oral interviews the evaluation panel selected se interviews, a deliberation by the panel determined that IMG was one of the better proposals. Staff recommended that the members delegate authority to Executive Director Morshed to enter into an agreement with IMG. IMG made a presentation and answered questions for the Board Members. Member Schenk moved to approve the selection of the Financial Plan Consultant, Member Adelman seconded, which carried 6-0.

#### **Status Report on Program Manager Selection**

Deputy Director Carrie Pourvahidi provided an update on the status of the Program Manager selection process. Executive Director Morshed recommended that Item 4 of the resolution for the Request for Qualifications procedures be revised to state "Inform the Board of the ranking". Member Diridon moved to approve the revised resolution, member Stapleton seconded, which carried 6-0.

#### **Status Report on Visual Simulation Contract**

Deputy Director Dan Leavitt provided an update on the status of the Visual Simulation Contract.

#### **Presentation on the Progress of the Bay Area Regional Rail Study**

Tom Matoff representing the Regional Rail Program presented an update on the planning effort being led in partnership with MTC, Caltrain, BART, and the CHSRA.

#### **Public Comment**

No Public comment.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.**